

**Minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Regular Meeting held on March 17, 2016, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.**

**Attendance: None**

**Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, T. Yonksy, K. Brooks, M. Vose, D. Muharem, B. Watson**

**L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**

**Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:**

**Present Board Members:**

**Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman**

**Mr. Larry Craybas**

**Mr. Bill Foster**

**Mr. Nicholas Hoffman**

**Mrs. Kristen Lacey**

**Mrs. Courtney Martin**

**Mrs. Melanie O'Brien**

**Mrs. Robin Renner**

**Absent Board Members:**

**Mr. Scott Clayton**

**Updated Attendance:**

**Mrs. Courtney Martin was updated to present at: 7:02 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

**1.A. Roll Call for Quorum**

**1.B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Board Recognition/A Salute to Excellence**

**2.A. Community Partnership Program**

The Board of Education recognized and thanked the job coaches, businesses and agencies which support our Community Partnership Program.

**2.B. Board Member Appreciation Month**

The Month of March is Connecticut Board of Education Appreciation Month. Dr. Carver thanked our hardworking and dedicated board members. Dr. Carver thanked them for the time and effort they devote to board business.

**3. BOARD REPORTS - PROGRESS TOWARDS DISTRICT INITIATIVES**

**3.A. Implementation of 1:1 Modal at BMS (report)**

Mr. Muharem, Principal, BMS, Mr. Watson, Assistant Principal, BMS, Donna Burns, Media Specialist, BMS,

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Mr. Arre, Supervisor of Technology Operations, and Dr. Vose, Director of Instructional Technology, reported to the Board on the Implementation of 1:1 Model at BMS. They spoke about the personalized and blended learning at BMS using 1:1 and gave examples in ELA, Math, Science, the Learning Center, and the arts. They reviewed the logistical issues with the implementation of the model (insurance, breakage, and security) and the expansion of the model for 2016-2017.

#### **4. Consent Calendar**

##### **4.A. Approval of Minutes**

##### **4.A.1. February 18, 2016**

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve the minutes of February 18, 2016 passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mr. Nicholas Hoffman.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Absent
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. Bill Foster	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Courtney Martin	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

#### **5. Correspondence**

- Memo from Commissioner Wentzell to the Bethel Public Schools congratulating us for exceeding state standards in participation rates for the administration of the Spring, 2015 Smarter Balanced Assessment, both in total population and subgroups.
- Notification to districts of the elimination of the performance task as part of the literacy assessment (Smarter Balanced Assessment). This will greatly reduce the time in administration of the assessment.
- Note to the Board of Education from Dr. Pat Consentino regarding one of our teachers, Mrs. Mickie Paradise.

#### **6. Audience Participation**

None.

#### **7. Administrative/Board Member Update**

Dr. Carver updated the Board on:

- Next Generation Accountability Report, 2014-2015 State Accountability Model, Berry School was name a School of Distinction
- CAFE Workshop - Global Competency
- WCSU Bridges Program Accuplacer Exam discontinued program
- High School Reimagined Project

## **8. Reports to the Board**

### **8.A. Curriculum**

#### **8.A.1. STEMscopes, Science Program**

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve the Stemscores program (into our K-5 science classes and HS Biology classes passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner and a second by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Absent
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. Bill Foster	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Courtney Martin	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

### **8.B. Policy**

#### **8.B.1. Second Reading/Approval**

##### **8.B.1.a. Policy 4115 - Evaluation**

PA 15-215, An Act Concerning Various Revisions and Additions to the Education Statutes, requires language identifying that members of the Educator Evaluation Committees, both teacher and administrator, include one member of the Bethel Education Association and Bethel Administrators Association. Language has been added to reflect that change.

In reviewing Policy 4115, Certified Evaluation, much of the language was too detailed, getting into the details of the plan. As the Board of Education annually approves the plan itself, the language which reflects the specificity of the plan within the policy has been removed.

The regulation to the policy is being eliminated. The regulation is now the actual plan itself. It outlines the way in which we evaluate the certified staff.

It is the consensus of the committee to move to the Board for a 2nd reading and approval.

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve Policy 4115 - Evaluation passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Nicholas Hoffman.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Absent
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. Bill Foster	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Courtney Martin	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

#### **8.B.1.b. Policy 4131 - Professional Learning**

PA 15-215, An Act Concerning Various Revisions and Additions to the Education Statutes requires the membership of the Professional Learning Council include a member of the Bethel Education Association and Bethel Administrators Association. We have added the language to reflect that change.

In addition, just like the policy regarding Certified Evaluation, there were several language adjustments required.

Please note, Policy 4131 has an Appendix of mandated Professional Learning Topics. We are eliminating the Appendix, which was more aligned to when the state tracked Continuing Education Units (CEU's) for certification.

It is the consensus of the committee to move Policy 4131 to the Board for a 2nd reading and approval and eliminate Appendix of mandated Professional Learning Topics.

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve Policy 4131 - Professional Learning passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Nicholas Hoffman.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Absent
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. Bill Foster	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Courtney Martin	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

#### **8.B.1.c. Policy 5145.15 - Directory Information and Military and Other Recruitment**

In review of our existing policies, policy 5145.15 which specifically relates to Directory Information was updated to align with the Directory Information Policy. It was the consensus of the committee to move to the Board for a 2nd reading and approval.

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve Policy 5145.15 - Directory Information and Military and Other Recruitment passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mr. Nicholas Hoffman.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Absent
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. Bill Foster	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Courtney Martin	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

#### **8.C. Finance**

### **8.C.1. Budget Transfers**

**Motion Passed:** Move to approve the budget transfers as outlined passed with a motion by Mr. Nicholas Hoffman and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Absent
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. Bill Foster	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Courtney Martin	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

### **8.D. Personnel**

#### **8.D.1. Job Description - Math Interventionist/Specialist**

Item tabled to April Special meeting. Date to be determined.

### **9. Recommended Executive Session**

#### **9.A. CT General Statutes 1-210(b)(9) Negotiations**

**Motion Passed:** Move into Executive Session at 8:51 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Absent
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. Bill Foster	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Courtney Martin	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

#### **9.A.1. Bethel Administrators' Association**

#### **9.A.2. Custodians**

#### **9.A.3. School Nurses' Association**

#### **9.A.4. Bethel Association of Educational Secretaries**

#### **9.A.5. Bethel Paraeducators and ABA Providers**

#### **9.B. CT General Statutes 1-210(b)(e)(17) Educational Records**

**Motion Passed:** Move to come out of Executive Session at 9:27 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Absent
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes

Mr. Bill Foster	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Courtney Martin	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

## 10. Adjourn

**Motion Passed:** Move to adjourn at 9:27 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Craybas and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman.

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman	Yes
Mr. Scott Clayton	Absent
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mr. Bill Foster	Yes
Mr. Nicholas Hoffman	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Yes
Mrs. Courtney Martin	Yes
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Yes
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes

Respectfully submitted,  
 Susan Pare  
 Board Recorder